

Allison Coupon Company collection S1958

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Summary Information

Repository	Rare Books and Manuscripts
Creator	Allison Coupon Company.
Title	Allison Coupon Company collection
Date	circa 1880-1890s
Extent	0.01 Cubic feet 1 folder
Language	English
Text [Folder]	S1958

Preferred Citation

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Historical Note

Noah Allison founded the Allison Coupon Company in 1888. In 1880, Noah Allison moved his family to Indianapolis, Indiana from South Bend, Indiana. His desire to succeed in the business world led him to own and operate a coupon business. The Allison Coupon Company sold prepaid coupon books that local merchants offered to their customers to ease credit problems that were prevalent in a number of businesses during the latter half of the nineteenth century. Noah Allison's main customers were coal mine company stores.

With the death of Noah Allison in 1890, his son, James Allison, took control of the family business and expanded their operations to include a variety of local and regional merchants. While operating the coupon company, James Allison began inventing items such as new fountain pens and car headlights. The Allison family retained control of the family business until it was sold in 1962 to Cummins Chicago, a manufacturer of document perforators that could personalize the payment books.

Scope and Contents

The collection contains an Allison Coupon Company "Improved Credit Coupon Check Book" from the 1890s in the amount of \$5.00. There are fifteen pages of coupons in the denominations of: \$.25, \$.05, \$.02, and \$.01.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged chronologically.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Custodial History

This collection was received by Rare Books and Manuscripts as a donation.

Accruals

No further additions are expected.

Processing Information

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Controlled Access Headings

Geographic Name(s)

- Indianapolis (Ind.)

Subject(s)

- Coupons
- Industries--Indiana--Indianapolis